

**Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Edward Barlow  
Mr. Carlton Starke  
Ms. Mary Wallace  
Mr. Steve Pories  
Mr. Daniel Moore  
Ms. Sequoya Willis

**Human Rights Advocate Representation:**

Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Manager

**Crater LHRC Secretary**

Ms. Fabri D. Claiborne

**Committee Members Absent:**

Ms. Jean Grim, Vice Chair

**Affiliates Present:**

*Adult Activity Services – James Scott*  
*Benchmark Residential Services – Clarence Dilworth*  
*Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc. – Clarence Dilworth*  
*Happy Home Counseling Services – Quinn Wilson*  
*High Hopes – Jeronica Page*  
*JC HomeLife – Keith Blom*  
*Low Ground Visions, Inc./Day Support – Chanda Batts Stevenson*  
*New Beginning, Inc. – Marilyn Newby, Patricia Tucker*  
*Phoenix and Peace – Marilyn Newby, Patricia Tucker*  
*Progressive Adult Rehabilitation Center, Inc. – Felecia Daniels*  
*Pryor House – Jeronica Page*  
*Southside Regional Hospital – Inpatient, Outpatient – Sandra McCabe*  
*TruCare Homes, LLC – Simone Harris*  
*Visions Family Services, Inc. – Shannon Primas*

**Affiliates Absent:**

*Family and Youth Services*  
*Live 4 Life, Inc.*  
*John Randolph Medical Center*  
*DePaul Community Resources – Peggy Ball*  
*Agape, II*  
*New Hope Youth Services, LLC*

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Chair Edward Barlow called the Crater Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:32 PM at Taylor-Starkewood Enterprises 589 S. Crater Road, Petersburg, Virginia.

**I. Public Comments:**

None

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Thursday, October 12, 2012 meeting. Ayes: Ms. Mary Wallace. Mr. Daniel Moore

**III. Advocate's Comments**

Carrie Flowers informed the affiliates the new HR Advocate will be introduced during the next meeting. Ms. Flowers also informed the affiliates the Annual Reports are to be turned in by February 15, 2013.

**IV. Financial Report**

No report given. Mrs. Newby informed affiliates that a bank statement has not been received. For persons wanting a copy, a copy will be faxed once the statement has been received.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. Event Report Statistics**

Reports from each provider on events occurring during the reporting period of October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012.

a) **Adult Activity Services** -

On December 5, 2012: Staff member noticed a gash under consumer's eye and an abrasion on the chest area. The staff member did treat the areas with an antibiotic ointment. The injuries were noticed when the consumer got off of the Group Home Van that morning. There were no witnesses; the consumer would only say it happened in bed. The necessary notifications were conducted.

b) **Agape Unlimited II**  
**Mental Health Support**

**Intensive – In Home Support**

It was reported that Ms. Johnson has temporarily closed the mental health and intensive in home support.

c) **Benchmark Residential Services**  
**Carson House**

On 12/29/12 at approximately 1:45 pm the Program Director received a call from the Residential Supervisor stating that she had received a call from residential staff at Carson House stating that the client was choking from a piece of food he had taken out of the trash can and that Emergency Medical Staff had been contacted and was on the way to Carson House .

The resident staff member testified that the client (who is incontinent) had just been changed in his room by the other staff on duty. After being changed, the client walked out of his room and into the dining room where he sat at the dining room table. The staff member was initially in the dining room and walked out to get program documentation books. On her way back to the kitchen she stopped to redirect another individual who was displaying inappropriate behavior. She stated this took about 30 seconds. When she returned to the dining room the client had gone into the kitchen and taken food out of the garbage can and stuffed it in his mouth. Staff tried to remove food from his mouth but the client reportedly clinched his teeth together which prevented staff from scooping food out of his mouth. He collapsed to the floor and other staff on duty was called to come to the kitchen to assist. Staff called EMS and performed Heimlich maneuver and CPR until EMS arrived at approximately 1:50 pm.

The residential counselor on duty stated that he was in the living room with other individuals when the residential staff member called him to come to the kitchen. He rushed to the kitchen to find JR choking and he collapsed to the floor. The residential counselor sat him up to perform Heimlich maneuver, CPR and EMS was called. EMS arrived within 10 minutes, took over CPR and transported the client to the Emergency Room at Southside Regional Medical Center.

The client was transported by med-flight from SRMC to MCV Critical Care Unit. After several hours the attending physician informed the Program Director that the particle of food lodged in the client's throat caused him to go into respiratory arrest which caused cardiac arrest. He received a CAT scan which revealed some brain damage due to prolonged lack of oxygen. He also sustained a broken rib from CPR chest compressions and an x-ray revealed there was still a piece of food blocking the top lobe of his right lung.

In conclusion the preliminary conclusion reached by this initial investigation is that there was some neglect on the part of staff that allowed the client to go in the kitchen unsupervised, take food out of the trash can and stuff it in his mouth.

- d) **Dan-Poe-Dil**  
**Wedgewood House**  
No activity to report

**Church Road House**  
No activity or changes to report.

- e) **DePaul Community Resources** - Absent  
No incidents to report.

- f) **Family and Youth Services**  
Absent. No Report Submitted.

- g) **Happy Home Counseling**  
No report submitted. Still not licensed.

Fabri Claiborne will submit a new quarterly report form to Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson will submit the quarterly report no later than three days following the Crater LHRC meeting.

- h) **High Hopes**  
No activity or changes to report

- i) **JC Homelife**  
No activity to report.

- j) **John Randolph Medical Center** –  
Absent. No report submitted

- k) **Lea and Associates**  
**Intensive In Home**  
No activity to report

Will submit an amended report with questions #1 and #4 answered.

- l) **Live 4 Life** –  
Late Report Submission  
No activity to report

- m) **Low Ground Visions, Inc.**  
**Residential Service**  
The following emergency and hospital visits were for the same resident.

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October 3, 2012 – An emergency room visit for a resident who was very slow, not himself and levels were low.

October 26, 2012 – An emergency room visit, eventually admitted for low levels

October 30, 2012 – Admitted to hospital due to low levels

December 31, 2012 – 911 was called, evaluated by a medical tech. The tech informed that there was no need to go to the hospital, because the individuals breathing decreased and vitals were stable. However, recommended a follow up if needed.

**Day Support**

No activity to report.

n) **New Beginning, Inc.**

**Day Support**

No activity or changes to report

**Residential**

December 4, 2012, the Program Director was informed by the DSP of the existence of an incident report, completed on December 2, 2012. The Incident Report described abrasion to a client's left hand and an account of what happened to cause the injury. It stated the client was "put on the floor" by a staff member. Upon completion of the report, the DSP contacted the Residential Supervisor. Adult Protective Services and the Guardian were notified on December 5, 2012. An investigation was conducted. The Residential Supervisor claims to have no knowledge of the incident. The call history on their cell phone disputes their claim.

It was concluded there was abuse involved as well as inadequate supervision for the individuals at the time of the incident. Both employees have been terminated.

o) **New Hope Home-** Absent. No Report Submitted

p) **Phoenix-N-Peace, Inc.**

**Residential**

No Activity or changes to report

**Day Support**

No activity to report

q) **Progressive Adult Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (P.A.R.C.) –**

**P.A.R.C Osage House**

**P.A.R.C Day Support**

10-24-2012- W.B. was evaluated in emergency room after a fall during a kick ball activity while on PARC day support outing at the YMCA. Individual examined immediately following incident no injury was found. The individual started complaining and limping when they arrived back at Osage House later that afternoon. Individual transported to the emergency room for evaluation. No injuries were found. X-Ray and CT revealed that individual's discomfort was due to fact that the individual has osteoarthritis, which did not result from the fall that day.

**P.A.R.C Supported Living Services**

No Activity or Changes to Report

r) **Pryor House**

No Activities or Changes to report.

s) **Southside Regional Medical Center, Inpatient Services**

October 17, 2012 – male was placed in seclusion for combative behavior toward staff. Staff felt threatened and two were injured.

t) **Southside Regional Medical Center Outpatient Services** –

No activity or changes to report.

u) **T'LAB, Inc.** –

No activity or changes to report.

v) **TruCare Homes, LLC.**

No activity or changes to report

w) **Visions Family Services -**

**Intensive In Home**

No activity or changes to report.

**Residential**

**Therapeutic Day Treatment**

No Activity to Report

**VII. Announcements / Updates (Chairperson's Closing Comments)**

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The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, 2012, 5:30 PM  
at Starkewood Counseling Services, 589 S. Crater Road, Petersburg, VA.  
Thank you to Carlton Starke for providing the meeting location.

***VIII. Other Actions***

None

***IX. Adjournment***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Edward Barlow, Chair

(Date)

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